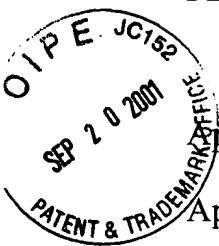


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Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §§1.56 and 1.97-1.98, Applicants hereby call the following materials to the attention of the Examiner.

An article by WATANABE et al., entitled "Road Shape Reconstruction by Local Flatness Approximation", published on September 21, 1989, along with an English language Abstract of the same;

An article by KIGASAWA et al., entitled "Development of Object Detection Method using Stereo Images", 2nd Symposium on Sensing via Image Information (SII'96), published on June 13, 1996, along with an English language Abstract; and

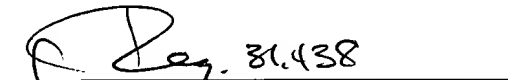
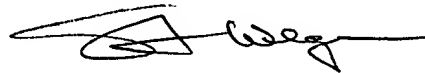
An article by MIYAOKA et al., entitled "Rear-side Observation of Vehicle Using Sequence of Road Images", 4th Symposium on Sensing via Image Information (SII'98), published on June 11, 1998, along with an English language Abstract.

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Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the above materials and cite the documents. Copies of the above-noted documents are attached and have been listed on a PTO-1449 Form which is also attached hereto. The Examiner is requested to initial the appropriate spaces on the attached PTO-1449 Form and to return a copy of the Form to Applicants with the next official communication in the present application to confirm consideration of these documents.

Should the Examiner have any questions or comments regarding the present application, or this paper, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

Respectfully submitted,  
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